Poor safety record of Zones and Divisions

1185. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the details of action contemplated by Government against the Zones and Divisions which have been identified by the Railway Board with poor safety records?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL): The safety performance of various Zonal Railways, Divisions, and Sections etc. is monitored on a continuous basis at different levels. Appropriate corrective measures are also taken, wherever warranted. Such identified Sections, Divisions and Zonal Railways keep on changing based on periodic reviews. The direct responsibility for an accident is determined and punishment impose on the basis of outcome of accident inquiry reports and gravity of the lapses committed by individuals. Zonal and Divisional heads are to be held responsible in case a continued neglect and grave, widespread failure of safety system is detected. Stringent punishments to the extent of 'removal' and dismissal' are also imposed on officials held responsible for accidents.

Special trains for tourist destinations

1186. MISS MABEL REBELLO:

SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways have developed a tourist train concept which would encourage chartering of special trains for tourist destinations;

(b) if so, details of the project and whether this has been tried on experimental basis in some parts of the country and has given encouraging results, if so, details thereof; and

(c) areas where this would now be experimented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) No, Sir. However, procedure already exists for booking special trains on full tariff rate for the purpose of tourism, pilgrimage etc.